

CHALLENGES of Lower Level Examinations

This information is divided into two sections:

- Section I: For candidates who have been unsuccessful at passing either the NR or SC state refresher certification examination and now wishes to challenge a lower level SC examination to maintain a SC EMT certification. (Page 2)
- Section II: For initial candidates who have **completed** a SC approved intermediate or paramedic program but have **NOT** attempted the NR examination due to their current SC certification nearing it's expiration date. (Page 3)
- OR -
For refresher candidates who have **completed** a SC approved intermediate or paramedic refresher program but have **NOT** attempted the state refresher exam due to their current SC certification nearing it's expiration date. (Page 3)

All candidates requesting a challenge of a lower level examination **must** satisfy all of the following requirements:

- 1) The candidate must have **completed** a SC approved Intermediate or paramedic program within the past two years.
- 2) The candidate possess a **current** SC EMT certification -OR- the candidate **must** be within **90** days of their SC EMT certificate expiration date.

Important!

Any candidate whose SC state EMT certificate has been expired for more than 90 days will not qualify to challenge a lower level examination. In order to regain their SC state certification, the candidate's only option will be to complete a SC approved EMT refresher course at their current level of expired certification and then to successfully pass the appropriate certification examination .

A request for a **challenge** of the state certification examination must include **all** of the following documents:

- ◆ A properly completed *State Examination Challenge Request* (Pages 4 & 5)
- ◆ A current BLS (CPR) card.
- ◆ A copy of the candidate's National Registry or state examination results - **all** attempts (**Required!**).

If the request is approved the candidate will have no more than **90 days** to complete the challenge.

These candidates, will be treated similar to a refresher candidate in that they will receive the standard **three (3) attempts** at the state written & practical refresher examination for their **current** or **lower** level of EMT certification.

SECTION I FOR CANDIDATES WHO HAVE UNSUCCESSFUL EXAMINATION RESULTS

A candidate who fails the National Registry examination or fails **all three attempts** at the SC state refresher certification examination may request to challenge a **lower level** SC state refresher certification examination.

National Registry:

Initial or Refresher Intermediate Candidates who have failed the National Registry EMT-Intermediate examination may request a **challenge** of the state EMT-**Basic** certification examination.

Initial or Refresher Paramedic Candidates who have failed the National Registry EMT-Paramedic examination may request a **challenge** of the state EMT-**Basic** - OR - the state EMT-**Intermediate** refresher certification “Registry-Like” examination.

Exemptions: The candidate will only be required to successfully complete the part of the examination (written or practical) which he/she failed in the higher level attempts. Credit is granted for any part (practical or written) of the NR exam that was passed and the results are **less** than one year old.

State Certification Examination:

Refresher Intermediate candidates who have failed the SC state EMT-Intermediate refresher certification “Registry-Like” examination **all three times** may request a **challenge** of the state EMT-**Basic** certification examination.

Refresher Paramedic candidates who have failed the SC state EMT-Paramedic refresher certification “Registry-Like” examination **all three times** may request a **challenge** of the state EMT-**Basic** - OR - state EMT-**Intermediate** refresher certification “Registry-Like” examination.

Exemptions: The candidate will only be required to successfully complete the part of the examination (written or practical) which he/she failed in the higher level attempts. Credit is granted for any part (practical or written) of the state exam that was passed and the results are **less** than one year old.

SECTION II OTHER CHALLENGES

For EMTs nearing their state certification expiration date & who have **completed** a SC approved Intermediate or Paramedic course but have not attempted the National Registry examination.

Initial Intermediate Candidates: Initial candidate's who **completed** an initial SC approved Intermediate course whose SC state EMT certification is **current -or-within 90 days of expiration** may request to **challenge a lower level** state certification examination.

Initial Paramedic Candidates: Initial candidate's who **completed** an initial SC approved Paramedic course whose SC state EMT certification is **current -or-within 90 days of expiration** may request to **challenge a lower level** state certification examination.

These candidates, **providing they have NOT attempted and failed the National Registry examination**, will be treated similar to a refresher candidate in that they will receive the standard **three (3) attempts** at the state written & practical refresher EMT examination for their **current** or **lower** level of EMT certification.

For EMTs nearing their state certification expiration date & who have **completed** a SC approved Intermediate or Paramedic course but have not attempted the state refresher "Registry-Like" examination

Refresher Intermediate Candidates: Refresher candidate's who **completed** an initial or refresher SC approved Intermediate course whose SC state EMT certification is **current -or-within 90 days of expiration** may request to **challenge a lower level** state certification examination.

Refresher Paramedic Candidates: Refresher candidate's who **completed** an initial or refresher SC approved Paramedic course whose SC state EMT certification is **current -or-within 90 days of expiration** may request to **challenge a lower level** state certification examination.

These candidates, **providing they have NOT attempted and failed the National Registry examination**, will be treated similar to a refresher candidate in that they will receive the standard **three (3) attempts** at the state written & practical refresher EMT examination for their **current** or **lower** level of EMT certification.

If a refresher candidate attempts the National Registry Examination at their current certification level, the candidate will void their option to take the SC state refresher "Registry-Like" examination at the same (i.e. "current") level.

"STATE" REFRESHER EMT EXAMINATION CHALLENGE REQUEST

This request is for a challenge of a “lower” level examination.

To be considered, this form must be completed with **all** required items attached. Incomplete forms will not be considered.
Please **Print** or **Type**

Candidate's Name

Candidate's S.S.N.

Mailing Address

Candidate's EMT Number

City / State / Zip Code

Candidate's Daytime Phone #

I have completed (*All Didactic portions of*) the following SC approved Intermediate / Paramedic course:

Course Number (**Required**)
Do Not Leave Blank!

Course Sponsor/Institution - ***Do Not Leave Blank!***

Check ONE:

Intermediate Candidates

- [] As an initial **Intermediate** candidate, I have, attempted and failed the National Registry **Intermediate** Examination and now wish to challenge the SC EMT-**Basic** certification examination.. (**Attach copy of all exam results** - practical & written **for each exam attempt**) - **Required!**
- [] As an initial **Intermediate** candidate, I have, completed a SC approved Intermediate course but not yet tested the NR EMT-Intermediate examination and now wish to challenge the SC EMT-**Basic** certification examination.. (**Attach a course completion certificate**) -**Required!**
- [] As a Refresher **Intermediate** candidate, I have, attempted and failed the National Registry **Intermediate** Examination and now wish to challenge the SC EMT-**Basic** certification examination. (**Attach copy of all exam results** - practical & written **for each exam attempt**) - **Required!**
- [] As a Refresher **Intermediate** candidate, I have, attempted and failed the SC state **Intermediate** Refresher Examination and now wish to challenge the SC EMT-**Basic** certification examination. (**Attach copy of all exam results** - practical & written **for each exam attempt**) - **Required!**

Paramedic Candidates:

- [] As an initial Paramedic candidate, I have, attempted and failed the National Registry **Paramedic** Examination and now wish to challenge the SC EMT-**Basic** / **Intermediate** certification examination. **(Attach copy of all exam results - practical & written for each exam attempt) - Required!**
- [] As an initial Paramedic candidate, I have, completed a SC approved Paramedic course but not yet tested the NR EMT-Paramedic examination and now wish to challenge the SC EMT-**Basic** / **Intermediate** certification examination. **(Attach a course completion certificate) -Required!**
- [] As a Refresher **Paramedic** candidate, I have, attempted and failed the National Registry **Paramedic** Examination and now wish to challenge the SC EMT-**Basic** / **Intermediate** certification examination. **(Attach copy of all exam results - practical & written for each exam attempt) - Required!**
- [] As a Refresher **Paramedic** candidate, I have, attempted and failed the SC state **Paramedic** Refresher Examination and now wish to challenge the SC EMT-**Basic** / **Intermediate** certification examination. **(Attach copy of all exam results - practical & written for each exam attempt) - Required!**

I understand that I will only be granted the opportunity to challenge a lower level EMT certification examination to a level to which I have previously held a SC state certification.

Signature of candidate

Date

Mail To: SC DHEC Division of EMS, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201

*****DHEC USE ONLY*****

- [] Your request has been granted to challenge the following SC state certification examination(s). You will have the standard **three** (3) attempts at each of the following state EMT certification exam(s).
- [] SC EMT-Basic **National Registry** Practical Examination (Call any SC EMS Regional Office)
- [] SC EMT-Basic “state” Refresher Written Examination*
- [] SC EMT-Intermediate “state” Registry-Like Practical Examination (Call any SC EMS Regional Office)
- [] SC EMT-Intermediate “state” Refresher Written Examination*

*Call Jim Catoe (803) 545-4204 to arrange a written test date.

All challenges must be completed by: _____

You must present this letter to the state examination representative and a completed *Certificate Application* card (enclosed). You must complete the challenge prior to the deadline.

- [] Your request has been denied, see attached letter.

SC DHEC Division of EMS *Authorized Signature*

Date